Comparative ethnic studies expands major horizons next Fall

James Mellor
MUSTANG DAILY

As of Fall 2006, ‘comparative ethnic studies’ will be a new major offered at Cal Poly within the College of Liberal Arts.

The new major will give Cal Poly students the opportunity to study the historical development and social significance of race and ethnicity in the United States.

“The hope is that indigenous studies will go beyond the traditional Native American studies to compare the experiences and histories of indigenous people around the world,” said Charise Cheney, the ethnic studies department chair.

“This is the case for all of the traditional areas of ethnic studies, which is why the new major is so exciting,” she said. “We’re not looking at it in the traditional way of studying African Americans, Asian Americans, Native Americans or Latinos. Now, we’re taking a much more global approach to those people and their experience in the United States.”

An ethnic studies minor has been offered since 1994, when the program that started in 1992 became a department. Although the idea for the department was always to move toward having a major, several budget crunches made this not feasible. College of Liberal Arts Dean Linda Halisky said the new program dismantles the ethnic studies minor.

Charise Cheney, the ethnic studies department chair, will head the new comparative ethnic studies major.

U.S. receives industry awards for book design

Jennifer Gongaware
MUSTANG DAILY

University Graphic Systems has received two industry awards for the collaborative book made with art and design seniors entitled “Capstone 2005.” UGS published the book featuring the work of art and design students.

The book’s print quality earned UGS the Certificate of Merit from the Print Quality competition Intended for Industry.

“It’s really exciting because we’re students,” UGS head press operator Beth Bach said. “It’s good for people who market to and helps advertising.”

The book also won the Premier Print Award from the Printing Industries of America/Graphic Arts Technical Foundation’s international competition. It ranked among the best of over 5,200 entries.

For Carolina Velasco, a graphic communications senior and UGS General Manager, it’s a self-esteem booster.

“If you give students the tools they need, the students will run with it,” Velasco said. “They give us the stepping stone.”

Velasco and Bach both gave credit to the equipment donated by the industry and people outside the department, in addition to the time invested by those within the department.

“When it comes to it, Cal Poly has been able to invest,” Velasco said. “The professors have invested time and effort.”

A key aspect to the project was the two department’s ability to work together to produce the book. Some of the art and design students were able to see the publishing processes first hand.

“These students learn how to print creatively,” Velasco said. “They have killer designs.”

“Capstone 2005” can be seen in the graphic communications department, building 26 room 207.

Fair Trade Club makes gift packs

Mariecar Mendoza
MUSTANG DAILY

Though the recent weather has made many forget that the holiday season is just a few weeks away, the Cal Poly Fair Trade Club hasn’t forgotten it’s the season for giving.

This year the Cal Poly Trade Club is beginning what they hope will be an annual fund-raiser to benefit fair trade certified cocoa bean farmers in the Ivory Coast. Members of the club will sell holiday gift packs full of fair trade coffee, sugar and latte mugs for $20.

And for the club, the goal is all about scales.

“Basically we’re raising money so (African farmers) can buy scales,” said club adviser Tom Neuhaus, a food science and nutrition associate professor. “A way to help the farmers is to give them (items) that will help their business, and one of those

see Trade, page 2

Agriculture enterprises plant the seed a career growing experience

Tonya Strickland
MUSTANG DAILY

In bringing students one step closer to the real world of production aided with the cushion of a fiscal safety net, Cal Poly Foundation funds agricultural enterprise projects that compensate workers and invest in the program.

If an enterprise loses money, the department conducting the project absorbs the loss, making it a “financially, risk-free opportunity” that can provide students with fundamental skills in management, marketing, packaging and labor, according to the College of Agriculture enterprise booklet.

Ressources for more than 40 enterprises are supplied to many agriculture student workers in departments such as horticulture and crop science, food science and nutrition and animal science that range from such endeavors as cultivating poinsettias at the Poly Plant Shop, full production and packaging of Cal Poly Eggs and supplying the community with veggies.

see Plants, page 2 Students involved in agriculture enterprises grow poinsettias at the Poly Plant Shop.
Major

continued from page 1

the existing minor program and reshapes the curriculum, which will add 11 new classes, but only one additional faculty member. As the curriculum is reshaped, the former cultural images series will be removed, which was a comparative study of the cultural representations and counter-representations by American racial/ethnic groups in U.S. popular opinion and consciousness.

Replacing this series will be 200 level survey courses that will serve as introductory courses to specific racial/ethnic groups and their cultural institutions. The extra classes will now give ethnic studies professors a chance to explore experimental methods of teaching their courses within the program.

There is more room in the curriculum now for the creation of topical courses... (which) gives faculty members an opportunity to teach courses that are not in the curriculum, but are in particular interest to that faculty person," Cheney said.

"The major also creates opportunity for (professors), as well as for the students, to explore in more depth issues pertaining to our discipline," she said. Although the new major will cause her more work, Cheney said she is excited about the addition of comparative ethnic studies as a Bachelor of Arts Degree.

"I look forward to this opportunity to play an instrumental role in the direction of what really is a historical moment at Cal Poly," she said.

"It definitely can be a little overwhelming," she said. "But I invite the challenge of implementing the curriculum, and in recruiting students in to the major and to get students more excited about the major."

Plants

continued from page 1

Such projects are valuable for students seeking industry "know-how" because the projects provide opportunities without financial burdens, Jennifer Fox, head of horticulture and crop science department said.

"(There is) the possibility of a nice upside, if they work on an effective and profitable project," she said.

In 2001, two students worked 915 hours in poinsettia production and shared approximately $11,000 in profit, according to The Foundation Annual Report from that year.

Poly Plant Shop generated $64,000 in gross revenue in the 2004-2005 fiscal year, said Sharon Dobson, shop advisor and Cal Poly lecturer. Revenue either goes directly back to students involved with enterprise projects, minus project expenses or to cover labor and supplies.

"Poly Plant Shop operates on a break-even basis," she said. Not only are student employees financially supported while sub work on an enterprise project, they also work in close contact with faculty and staff in the growing and marketing of a product, Fox said. They also pick up a wide assortment of skills, such as business and marketing plans and team building.

"I have been able to take the information that I learn in class and apply it to a work environment," said Jennifer Hart, Poly Plant Shop manager and environmental horticulture senior. "This experience has gone far beyond just horticulture. It has taught me a lot about customer relations, marketing, staff, marketing and planning for large events."

Students put into practice what they learn in a classroom setting and whether or not there is a monetary profit, Fox said. "They usually learn some important take-home messages from the experience."

Agriculture students are not the only ones who can "get their hands dirty" in these projects because the program is open to all students willing to work and go through the same basic farming practices and safety training," Fox said.

Business and liberal arts students have worked side by side with college of agriculture students on several instances, such as learning about growing and selling organic crops, fruit and vegetables, flowers or making candles. "Without these projects students outside of agriculture may never have the opportunity in an educational setting while at Cal Poly," she said.

Trade

continued from page 1

things are a scale. If they can weigh the beans themselves, they won't get ripped off by the middle man."

Several members of the club already began selling the packs on campus in the University Union Plaza from 7 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday and will continue today, Nov. 28 and Dec. 1.

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

5 1 4 3 6 8 4 2 7
9 6 3 5 8 9 4 1 2

EASY # 2

Solution, tips, and computer program at www.sudoku.com

PUZZLE SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE

CONTACT MUSTANG DAILY ADVERTISING

(805) 756-1143
AMMAN, Jordan (AP) —
attacks like last week’s the triple
hotel bombings. killed by U.S. forces.
four Americans were among those killed in the attacks, raising measures aimed at foreigners saying she had three brothers Jordan introduced strict security the country’s first anti-terror spe-
The U.S. Embassy also said the U.S. toll from three.
The moves came as more specific legislation to prevent further an Amman hotel, with friends in her bid to blow herself up in a different diet and features from other orcas, don’t mate outside their family structure, and that they are also different in showing such an attachment to one geographic region, and a federal judge ordered the fisheries service to reconsider. In response, the agency suggested listing the orcas as threatened, a list-
ing that would afford the whales all the protections of the Endangered Species Act. Upon further review, and at the request of environmen-
talists, the fisheries service decided the "endangered" listing was more appropriate.

WASHINGTON (AP) —
Supreme Court nominee Samuel
Alito distanced himself Tuesday from his 1985 comments that there was no constitutional right to abortion, telling a senator in private that he had been "an advocate seeking a job." Sen. Diane Feinstein, D-Calif., an abortion rights supporter and the only woman on the Senate Judiciary Committee, said she asked the conservative judge about a discu-
sion she had Monday showing Alito in 1985 telling the Reagan administration he was particularly proud to help argue that "the Constitution does not protect a right to an abortion."

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) —
Jordan introduced strict security measures aimed at foreigners Tuesday and said it was drafting the country’s first anti-terror spe-
cific legislation to prevent further attacks like last week’s the triple hotel bombings.
The moves came as more details emerged about the 35-
year-old Iraqi woman who failed in her bid to blow herself up in an Amman hotel, with friends saying she had three brothers killed by U.S. forces.
The U.S. Embassy also said four Americans were among those killed in the attacks, raising the U.S. toll from three.

Sacramento-area restaurants were temporarily shut down last week after state officials conducted a sweep targeting businesses believed to be breaking labor laws.
State officials, made unan-
nounced visits to 20
Sacramento-area restaurants and found 16 to be in violation of
labor laws, including workers’
compensation, overtime and
minimum wage rules.
The 16 restaurants were fined
a total of $193,350, mostly for
violations. The fines can be appealed.

State officials made unan-
nounced visits to 20
Sacramento-area restaurants and
found 16 to be in violation of
labor laws, including workers’
compensation, overtime and
minimum wage rules.
The 16 restaurants were fined
a total of $193,350, mostly for
violations. The fines can be appealed.

The 1101 girls
Focus on getting students into college shifts to getting them out

Justin Pope

WASHINGTON — For decades, getting more students into college has been the top priority of America's higher education leaders. What's the point, a growing number of experts are wondering, when so few who go to school finish a degree?

Just 54 percent of students entering four-year colleges in 1997 had a degree six years later, according to some of the latest government figures. After borrowing for school but failing to graduate, people say 'What's the matter with me?'

Now the question of what to do about the country's unimpressive and stagnant graduation rates is on the agenda, from college presidents' offices to state houses. The latest sign of the trend comes Wednesday, when former Princeton President William Bowen lays out an ambitious research agenda on the question during a speech in New York.

Bowen, president of the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education, has so influential that his very curiosity about a subject can raise the kind of researcher whose work takes on an academic topic is hardly news. Bowen, who practiced his profession in Washington for decades even as enrollment has increased, is widely known.

"If you find that the odds of getting through are very different for different groups of people, that's something you ought to be concerned about."

It's known that elite schools have generally higher graduation rates than non-elite schools. What's less clear is why the graduation rates at seemingly similar colleges vary so much. The main campuses of Penn State and the University of Minnesota have comparable price tags, student SAT scores, and percentage of students from poor backgrounds. Penn State graduates more than 80 percent of its students, and Minnesota barely half.

The federal figures report 57 percent of white students finish their degree, compared with 44 percent of students from poor backgrounds. Penn State graduates more than 80 percent of its students, and Minnesota barely half.

Traditional experts say blame falls on high schools, or on the students themselves.

"You walk into a high school and 50 percent of the kids aren't graduating, people say 'What's the matter with this place? Get the principal. Get me the school board. Let's put this place in receivercy,'" said Patrick Callan, president of the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education. "But people walk into a college and say 'What's the matter with these students? We gave them a chance to go to college.'

While student responsibility is a factor, "an awful lot of institutions just assumed that getting them in the door was the most important thing," said Kati Haycock, director of The Education Trust.

New, both Haycock and Callan say there are signs that is changing.

"Graduation rates are on the agenda of Education Secretary Margaret Spellings' new national commission on higher education. There is growing research on how colleges can get students more involved in campus life, which makes them more likely to stay enrolled. And Callan says some state legislatures, even in the face of pressure to increase capacity, are exploring budget incentives for schools to improve graduation rates, not just increase enrollment."

"But you have to do it carefully, because if you put all the incentives on completion then you just encourage colleges to cherry pick the population of students most likely to graduate. Callan said. "There's already too much of that."

Sarah Turner, a University of Virginia education economist, has assembled data showing graduation rates have stagnated over recent decades even as enrollment has climbed. Explanations range from rising college costs to insufficient academic support to students simply not realizing how valuable a college degree is.

Which factors matter most, and how they overlap, is not well understood, largely because the topic is hard to measure. Tracking enrollment numbers is relatively easy, but tracking what happens to individual students over six years is much harder.

"I was subject to an assassination attempt and to danger that might have even touched my family."

- THAMIR AL-KHUZAIE

"I was only a lawyer who practiced his profession in Iraq. Yet I was subjected to an assassination attempt and to danger that might have even touched my family," said Thamir al-Khuzaie, a defense lawyer who was wounded in an ambush that killed one of his colleagues and said Tuesday he had fled Iraq and was seeking asylum in the Gulf state of Qatar.

Thamir al-Khuzaie represented two of Saddam's seven co-defendants in the trial, which is scheduled to resume on Nov. 28. He spoke on condition that his current location outside Iraq not be reported.

"I was only a lawyer who practiced his profession in Iraq. Yet I was subjected to an assassination attempt and to danger that might have even touched my family," said Thamir al-Khuzaie, a defense lawyer who was wounded in an ambush that killed one of his colleagues and said Tuesday he had fled Iraq and was seeking asylum in the Gulf state of Qatar.

Thamir al-Khuzaie represented two of Saddam's seven co-defendants in the trial, which is scheduled to resume on Nov. 28. He spoke on condition that his current location outside Iraq not be reported.

"I was only a lawyer who practiced his profession in Iraq. Yet I was subjected to an assassination attempt and to danger that might have even touched my family," said Thamir al-Khuzaie, a defense lawyer who was wounded in an ambush that killed one of his colleagues and said Tuesday he had fled Iraq and was seeking asylum in the Gulf state of Qatar.

Thamir al-Khuzaie represented two of Saddam's seven co-defendants in the trial, which is scheduled to resume on Nov. 28. He spoke on condition that his current location outside Iraq not be reported.

"I was only a lawyer who practiced his profession in Iraq. Yet I was subjected to an assassination attempt and to danger that might have even touched my family," said Thamir al-Khuzaie, a defense lawyer who was wounded in an ambush that killed one of his colleagues and said Tuesday he had fled Iraq and was seeking asylum in the Gulf state of Qatar.

Thamir al-Khuzaie represented two of Saddam's seven co-defendants in the trial, which is scheduled to resume on Nov. 28. He spoke on condition that his current location outside Iraq not be reported.

"I was only a lawyer who practiced his profession in Iraq. Yet I was subjected to an assassination attempt and to danger that might have even touched my family," said Thamir al-Khuzaie, a defense lawyer who was wounded in an ambush that killed one of his colleagues and said Tuesday he had fled Iraq and was seeking asylum in the Gulf state of Qatar.

Thamir al-Khuzaie represented two of Saddam's seven co-defendants in the trial, which is scheduled to resume on Nov. 28. He spoke on condition that his current location outside Iraq not be reported.

"I was only a lawyer who practiced his profession in Iraq. Yet I was subjected to an assassination attempt and to danger that might have even touched my family," said Thamir al-Khuzaie, a defense lawyer who was wounded in an ambush that killed one of his colleagues and said Tuesday he had fled Iraq and was seeking asylum in the Gulf state of Qatar.

Thamir al-Khuzaie represented two of Saddam's seven co-defendants in the trial, which is scheduled to resume on Nov. 28. He spoke on condition that his current location outside Iraq not be reported.
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Saturday outside San Quentin State Prison to support a former gang leader scheduled to be executed next month, according to an advocate group.

The former Crips member turned musician will be among those expected to protest the execution rally to attend an anti-Gang event.

Snoop Dogg's application for entry to the prison was denied, according to San Quentin spokesman Vernell Oittendon.

The rapper wanted to visit Williams, but his application for entry to the prison was denied, according to San Quentin spokesman Vernell Oitidond.

Owner beats Coca-Cola, prompting Mexican antitrust rulings

Mark Stevenson ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mark Stevenson ASSOCIATED PRESS

MEXICO CITY — Mexico has imposed its biggest anti-monopoly fines ever, totaling about $68 million (euro 58 million), against Coca-Cola Co. and dozens of its distributors and bottlers, a battle won by one woman who got tired of being told what to sell at her one-room store in an impoverished Mexico City neighborhood.

In a country where David-vs.-Goliath battles usually end with David getting crushed, Raquel Chavez's victory is no small feat.

The fines — one batch amounting to about $15 million (euro 13 million) and another for $53 million (euros 48 million) — will not be formally announced until a mandatory appeals period ends, but regulators and a Coca-Cola representative confirmed them to The Associated Press.

It is no coincidence that the battle — which resulted in some of the highest antitrust fines Coke has ever faced — was waged in Mexico, with the highest per-capita soft drink consumption in the world.

Even Chavez, 49, expected to lose when a Coke distributor told her to get rid of Big Cola, an upstart brand that arrived in Mexico recently from Peru, or risk having Coke stop selling to her.

"I told them, 'You can't refuse to sell to me. That's unconstitutional,'" Chavez told The Associated Press. "I didn't really know if it was unconstitutional, but I said it anyway."

Coca-Cola denied that it has engaged in monopolistic practices.

"We respect the ... decisions," Coca-Cola's Chief Legal Officer Charley Sutlive said.

Chavez told The Associated Press. "I didn't really know if it was unconstitutional, but I said it anyway."

Coca-Cola denied that it has engaged in monopolistic practices.

"We respect the ... decisions," Coca-Cola's Chief Legal Officer Charley Sutlive said.

"However, we have used the appeal processes open to us to present arguments that our business practices comply with Mexican competition laws, and to demonstrate that our commercial practices are fair."

Coke, whose share of the Mexican soft drink market hovers around 70 percent, is a must-have item for small stores.

Chavez still sells it. But she also resented being told what she could sell.

"You may call the shots everywhere else, but I'm the boss in my store," she told the distributor.

"I am a common citizen who demands her rights, who won't allow herself to be stepped on, that's unconstitutional, which resulted in some of the highest antitrust fines Coke has ever faced — was waged in Mexico, with the highest per-capita soft drink consumption in the world."

She put her three children through college with her 20-hour days at her store, called "La Racha," which means a streak of luck, and takes pride in the business.

In 2003, her customers began asking for "Big Cola," which had begun cutting into Coke's market with lower prices. Coke told her to get rid of the brand, but she refused.

"You may call the shots everywhere else, but I'm the boss in my store," she told the distributor.

"I am a common citizen who demands her rights, who won't allow herself to be stepped on, that's unconstitutional," Chavez told The Associated Press. "I didn't really know if it was unconstitutional, but I said it anyway."

Coca-Cola denied that it has engaged in monopolistic practices.

"We respect the ... decisions," Coca-Cola's Chief Legal Officer Charley Sutlive said.

"However, we have used the appeal processes open to us to present arguments that our business practices comply with Mexican competition laws, and to demonstrate that our commercial practices are fair."
Alex Switzer  
IOWA STATE DAILY (IOWA STATE U.)

AMES, Iowa — Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson, one of the most popular stars in hip-hop, makes his motion picture debut as an orphaned street kid who makes his mark in the drug trade. He finally dares to leave the violence behind and become the rap artist he was meant to be in "Get Rich or Die Tryin'." the new film from six-time Oscar nominee Jim Sheridan.

"Violence only begets more violence." Such is the lesson learned on the gangland streets where families are killed for money and people's lives are destroyed by drugs. 50 Cent attempts to legitimize his gangsta-rapper persona in his new semi-autobiographical film, "Get Rich or Die Tryin'."

Marcus, the theatrical face of 50 Cent, goes from impoverished schoolboy to ruthless drug dealer right before our eyes in this loose adaptation of 50's life. After his mother is killed by Majestic, a drug kingpin, Marcus hits the streets hard to make money and hopefully one day nail down a record contract. When he gets caught with drugs, he goes to prison and meets his future manager, Bama, played by Terrence Howard, and begins a musical career, much to chagrin of Majestic.

The most common comparison made to this movie is Eminem's "8 Mile," but any similarity ends after the stories' real-life-rapper origins. It is slightly creepy to say the movie makes 50 Cent "seem more human," yet it brings to light a more fragile side to the seemingly indestructible rapper. After being shot nine times out of retribution for mugging a group of Cubans, 50 Cent attempts to show his physical and emotional struggles inside.

Developer Capcom also kept the franchise fresh by updating the gameplay mechanics. Unlike the previous versions, "Resident Evil 4" utilized a new camera and aiming system. The new camera made the game more personal, as the gamer draws and focuses heavily upon character development. Since the entire "Grand Theft Auto" universe spans almost half a century, the gamer is given the chance to watch their favorite characters mature and develop.

For example, the GTA universe was introduced to media-mogul Donald Love in "Grand Theft Auto 3." In the spin-off "Vice City," set in the '80s, it was shown how Love learned how to become an entrepreneur. The player meets Love again in "Liberty City Stories." Taking place chronologically between the other two, this is where the player helps Love implement what he learned in "Vice City.

Because the stories are presented in a non-chronological manner, Rockstar can take a character and create a truly memorable video-game persona through the use of character history. The basic gameplay is also updated from game to game, with the games' controls and content being the biggest area for innovation. The latest console version of GTA "San Andreas" was kept close to the home at all times.

"Grand Theft Auto" is another example on how to constantly keep a franchise appealing to gamers. Developer Rockstar has established a library of recurring characters upon which to draw and focuses heavily upon character development. Since the entire "Grand Theft Auto" universe spans almost half a century, the gamer is given the chance to watch their favorite characters mature and develop.

To keep a franchise alive and growing, there must be signs of constant innovation, as well as remaining true to what made the originals appealing to gamers. "Resident Evil 4" showcased this by making a huge departure from the established norm, doing away with the standard villain archetype and introducing several plot points to the overall continuum.

"Grand Theft Auto" is another example on how to constantly keep a franchise appealing to gamers. Developer Rockstar has established a library of recurring characters upon which to draw and focuses heavily upon character development. Since the entire "Grand Theft Auto" universe spans almost half a century, the gamer is given the chance to watch their favorite characters mature and develop.

For example, the GTA universe was introduced to media-mogul Donald Love in "Grand Theft Auto 3." In the spin-off "Vice City," set in the '80s, it was shown how Love learned how to become an entrepreneur. The player meets Love again in "Liberty City Stories." Taking place chronologically between the other two, this is where the player helps Love implement what he learned in "Vice City.

Because the stories are presented in a non-chronological manner, Rockstar can take a character and create a truly memorable video-game persona through the use of character history. The basic gameplay is also updated from game to game, with the games' controls and content being the biggest area for innovation. The latest console version of GTA "San Andreas" was kept close to the home at all times.

"Grand Theft Auto" is another example on how to constantly keep a franchise appealing to gamers. Developer Rockstar has established a library of recurring characters upon which to draw and focuses heavily upon character development. Since the entire "Grand Theft Auto" universe spans almost half a century, the gamer is given the chance to watch their favorite characters mature and develop.

For example, the GTA universe was introduced to media-mogul Donald Love in "Grand Theft Auto 3." In the spin-off "Vice City," set in the '80s, it was shown how Love learned how to become an entrepreneur. The player meets Love again in "Liberty City Stories." Taking place chronologically between the other two, this is where the player helps Love implement what he learned in "Vice City.

Because the stories are presented in a non-chronological manner, Rockstar can take a character and create a truly memorable video-game persona through the use of character history. The basic gameplay is also updated from game to game, with the games' controls and content being the biggest area for innovation. The latest console version of GTA "San Andreas" was kept close to the home at all times.

"Grand Theft Auto" is another example on how to constantly keep a franchise appealing to gamers. Developer Rockstar has established a library of recurring characters upon which to draw and focuses heavily upon character development. Since the entire "Grand Theft Auto" universe spans almost half a century, the gamer is given the chance to watch their favorite characters mature and develop.

For example, the GTA universe was introduced to media-mogul Donald Love in "Grand Theft Auto 3." In the spin-off "Vice City," set in the '80s, it was shown how Love learned how to become an entrepreneur. The player meets Love again in "Liberty City Stories." Taking place chronologically between the other two, this is where the player helps Love implement what he learned in "Vice City.

Because the stories are presented in a non-chronological manner, Rockstar can take a character and create a truly memorable video-game persona through the use of character history. The basic gameplay is also updated from game to game, with the games' controls and content being the biggest area for innovation. The latest console version of GTA "San Andreas" was kept close to the home at all times.
Sequels

continued from page 6

Anders' featured an aiming system from another Rockstar game, "Manhunt." Rockstar has also increased the variety of vehicles found within the game, including planes, motorcycles and helicopters as the series progressed. While having established sequels can be a great way to elaborate on an idea, it should be noted that they could also be detrimental. "Tomb Raider," for instance, was driven into the ground by lack of real innovation. The majority of the games released felt like clones of the previous ones, with heroine Lara Croft having to adventure through ancient ruins and tending to get overlooked. Their means that original, creative games tend to get overlooked. Their...
City considers regulating pot clubs with background checks and fees

Lisa Leff
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO - Supervisors were set to vote Tuesday on regulations that would govern medical marijuana clubs after allegations of abuse at several of the city's 35 facilities.

The proposed rules, crafted with input from Mayor Gavin Newsom and after months of debate, would require pot dispensary operators for the first time to apply for permits that include criminal and employment background checks. Club owners would have to pay $6,610 for a permit in addition to the $3,100 for a business license.

The regulations also would govern where and how the clubs could do business, prohibiting them from opening in industrial or residential areas. The zoning guidelines would prevent dispensaries from operating within 500 feet of schools or within 1,000 feet if pot-smoking is allowed on the premises.

The crackdown comes as elected officials in this liberal city grapple with how to balance their compassion for patients who smoke pot to ease their pain with the logistical realities of an unregulated industry that deals in a federally illegal product.

Medical marijuana became legal in California after voters approved the Compassionate Use Act in 1996. In June, however, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that medical marijuana patients could be prosecuted for illegal pot possession under federal law, regardless of state ordinances.

The San Francisco permits would include a bold-faced disclaimer: "Issuance of this permit by the City and County of San Francisco is not intended to and does not authorize the violation of state or federal laws."

Even before the Supreme Court ruling, local officials here were wrestling with how to regulate the proliferating clubs. Mayor Newsom and Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi, a member of the Green Party, paired up to address the problem after it was revealed that a dispensary was about to open in a city-operated residential hotel for substance abusers.

At the time, San Francisco was home to an estimated 40 dispensaries, more by far than any other California city. Since the state's voters adopted the Compassionate Use Act of 1996, the San Francisco Department of Public Health has issued identification cards to nearly 3,000 people who claimed they needed the drug to ease symptoms for afflictions ranging from AIDS to arthritis.

Under the new rules, clubs operating as of April 1, when the city imposed a moratorium on new clubs, would have 18 months to obtain a permit. Their applications then would have to be approved by the city's planning director with input from the police on the adequacy of proposed security measures and the backgrounds of those running the clubs.

(900x1383)
WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld on Tuesday joined the Bush administration's attack on Iraq war critics, quoting Clinton administration officials who contended in the late 1990s that former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein was a security threat to the United States and its allies.

At a Pentagon news conference, Rumsfeld noted that Congress in 1998 passed the Iraq Liberation Act, making it U.S. government policy to support efforts to remove the Saddam regime from power. He noted that President Bill Clinton ordered four days of bombing in December 1998.

President Bush on Monday hurled back at Democratic critics the worry they once expressed that Saddam was a grave threat.

"They spoke the truth then and they're speaking politics now," Bush charged.

Rumsfeld continued Bush's assault on war critics, citing the words of Clinton, former Vice President Al Gore, former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Sandy Berger, Clinton's national security adviser.

Rumsfeld quoted Berger as having said of Saddam in 1998, "He will rebuild his arsenal of weapons of mass destruction, and some day, one way or another, we will have to act.

"We can simply hold on long enough, until we can outlast us," Rumsfeld said.

Rumsfeld said it would be a grave mistake to leave prematurely.

"They seek to build in Iraq what they once had in Afghanistan — a safe haven," he said. "And then to expand throughout the region and beyond.

"We must be careful not to give terrorists the false hope that if they can outlast us, they can simply hold on long enough, they can outlast us," Rumsfeld said.

Referring to the current situation, Rumsfeld said, "We are in the midst of a war that threatens free people across the world," as evidenced by terrorist attacks in the United States, London, Madrid and other cities.

He said the world must face up to the "dark visions" of a network of "Islam-fascists" and extremists.

"They want to build in Iraq what they once had in Afghanistan — a safe haven," he said. "And then to expand throughout the region and beyond.

"We must be careful not to give terrorists the false hope that if our people get away with anything," Chavez said.

"I told them, 'What are you good for? What purpose do you serve?','" she said. "'Are you here to protect Coke, or to defend us?' They finally accepted her complaint, investigated it, and found evidence of similar incidents — some documented by Big Cola, some by Ajemex, a competitor.

Chavez said as she sat on an overturned Coke crate outside her shop.

"I was sure we would lose, because in Mexico for so long, people got away with anything," Chavez said. "I told them, 'What are you going to do out of business,'" she said, adding that he was angry with her for taking on such an impossible battle.

Things have changed since those dark days.

"Her husband now waits on customers as Chavez proudly shows off her court papers. Almost on cue, a bright red Coke truck pulls off her court papers. Almost on cue, a bright red Coke truck pulls up and smiling, courteous Coke employees unload Chavez's twice-weekly delivery. They say she's a good customer.


Summer in Mexico

Spanish Language Immersion Program
Summer 2006 - Cuernavaca

General Information Meeting
Thursday, November 17, 11 am - 12 pm
Erhart Agriculture Bldg. (10), Rm. 221

For more information, contact:
Dr. Yolanda Pagan, 760-757-3589
mamyj@calpoly.edu

Dr. William Martinez, 760-757-3589
mail@california-in-latinamerica.org

Rose Whitworth, 760-757-3589
rose@california-in-latinamerica.org

http://www.continuing-ed.calpoly.edu/travel_mex.html
Alternative transportation solves parking issue

Unless you arrive on campus before 7:30 a.m. or after 5:00 p.m., chances are you’re going to have to find parking. With the Kennedy Library parking lot gone forever and enrollment planned to increase by about 450 students each year, the challenge of parking is sure to get worse over time.

I don’t believe that solution is more parking structures and cheaper parking. I think we have a driving problem! I live about three miles away from campus and it takes less than fifteen minutes to ride my bike to school. When I have to drive, it still takes over ten minutes, assuming there is little or no traffic. As a last resort the bus stops less than four blocks from my house and gets to campus on the hour, after a twenty minute walk, ten minute bus ride and free minute bike ride. Even though it’s only a three to five minute drive, it takes nearly ten minutes or more to find parking! Obviously time is not the deciding factor.

It’s definitely not cheaper to drive either. Quarterly parking permits cost $85 and it is $4 for a daily permit. In addition, if you’re driving every day, it is probably nearly $10 each week, in gasoline, not to mention maintenance costs. If you risk parking without a permit, in staff parking or let a meter expire you could face a $15 to $25 ticket. Driving is absolutely the most expensive way to get to campus. Bike parking is free, although it may take while to find an open rack. The only cost is having a $3 tube every months or so if you hit a patch of glass. The biggest complaint about biking to school is getting to class tired and sweaty. This is an easy fix. Wear a gym shirt the ride, arrive ten minutes early, chill out on a bench for a while to catch your breath and change into your daily clothing just before class.

Walking is easier. It is free with no permits required. There aren’t any “no-walk zones” and it’s a perfect opportunity to get to know your neighbors who walk to school as well.

Riding the bus is also free. The only downsides to the bus are finding a stop near your home, sacrificing a little extra sleep, finding a seat and dealing with alternative ways of getting home if you have evening classes. For the vast majority though, bussing is a simple and effective way of getting to class for free.

The bottom line is that you have options. Driving seems like the easiest solution because your car is always sitting in your driveway, but it takes a minute to add up the full cost of driving and parking for an entire year and see if it’s really worth the price.

There are definitely improvements to be made to our transit system and bicycle access, but the best way to ensure those changes will happen is to demand the services, proving that changes are not only necessary, but necessary.

Bike parking is free, although it may take while to find an open rack. The only cost is having a $3 tube every months or so if you hit a patch of glass. The biggest complaint about biking to school is getting to class tired and sweaty. This is an easy fix. Wear a gym shirt the ride, arrive ten minutes early, chill out on a bench for a while to catch your breath and change into your daily clothing just before class.

Walking is easier. It is free with no permits required. There aren’t any “no-walk zones” and it’s a perfect opportunity to get to know your neighbors who walk to school as well.

Riding the bus is also free. The only downsides to the bus are finding a stop near your home, sacrificing a little extra sleep, finding a seat and dealing with alternative ways of getting home if you have evening classes. For the vast majority though, bussing is a simple and effective way of getting to class for free.

The bottom line is that you have options. Driving seems like the easiest solution because your car is always sitting in your driveway, but it takes a minute to add up the full cost of driving and parking for an entire year and see if it’s really worth the price.

There are definitely improvements to be made to our transit system and bicycle access, but the best way to ensure those changes will happen is to demand the services, proving that changes are not only necessary, but necessary.
Frankly continued from page 12
as an unarmed team, 42-10 and has just one win against a team in the top 25.); for what it’s worth, the Mustangs have three wins against top 25 teams.

The bottom line is the Mustangs have overcome their fair share of adversity and, assuming they win on Saturday, deserve to be in the playoffs.

As the sports editor, a Cal Poly student and an athlete, I encourage all Poly students to check out the home games this weekend - there are plenty of good ones to choose from. The wrestling team opens its season with an intrasquad meet on Thursday, the men’s and women’s basketball teams are fighting for their playoff lives on Saturday.

The New York Times Crossword

FRANKLY continued from page 12

Fencing

FRANKLY continued from page 12

place hones in all three weapons," Batten said.

Fencers compete in as many of the different events, each using a different type of weapon (sword) and a different method of scoring points based on where the weapon strikes the opponent’s body.

The three weapons are the épée, the foil, and the sabre.

Club member’s experiences range from some who have been fencing since early childhood, to others who began this fall when they joined the club.

Andrew Cordato, a freshman environmental science major, began fencing in September when he arrived at Cal Poly and has already competed in two intercollegiate events.

“I had good teachers,” he said of the coaches and more experienced students who helped him. “It takes patience and dedication, but anyone can do it.”

Competitions are sometimes geared toward beginners.

The tournament on campus included an event specifically for novice fencers, meaning anyone with less than one-year experience could compete in their own division.

For those interested: The club is open to all Cal Poly students and men and women compete against each other.

Instructional meetings are currently scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. in Most Gym and boating (practice fencing) is held on Saturdays from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

For more information visit the Cal Poly fencing Web site at www.fencing.calpoly.edu.
Volleyball playoff hopes at stake

Tiffany Dias  
MUSTANG DAILY

Although the Cal Poly women’s volleyball team was defeated by the Pacific in four games on Saturday, ending a five-match winning streak against the Tigers, their season is not yet at an end.

The Mustangs finished at the Big West Conference with a 10-4, putting the team in third place and possibly giving them a chance to compete at the NCAA National Championship Tournament in December.

“We are the best, biggest team around story in the country. Last year, the team was 5-25, now we’re hoping to go to Nationals,” coach Jon Stevenson said.

The Mustangs played hard against the Tigers, a team that Stevenson described as “a really strong team.”

Last week’s loss also brings the Mustangs to a notable 18-6 record and caused the team to train harder for the last game of the season to host UC Davis this Saturday.

The loss dropped Cal Poly’s record to 18-6 over-all and motivated the team for the upcoming game against Davis.

“We’ll be a lot more focused against UC Davis. We’re just a lot better and bigger against this team,” Stevenson said.

A win against the UC Davis, while not a deciding factor for the championship, is still important for the Mustangs because the NCAA selection committee, who decides which teams will compete at the championship, would likely favor upon a loss to the 4-23 Aggies.

Sophomore setter Chelsea Hayes, predicts the team will lay the Aggies down and remains optimistic of their chances at the qualifying tournament.

“We’re a superior team to Davis. It’s just a matter of how we execute and dominate the game,” Hayes said.

At Nationals, the Mustangs’ level competition in the first round would depend on their seed, which could vary depending on how the selection committee interprets the team’s lax pre-season schedule.

“While it’s been no picnic this season, we’ve worked hard to make it this far,” Stevenson said. “I anticipate that we will win the game this weekend.”

The C‘al Poly women’s volleyball team could play with the top 32 teams in the country, Stevenson said.

Hayes on the team’s NCAA tournament chances:

“We’ve been training all year with that goal in our mind. We know what it takes on the line and have tried our hardest to make it,” said setter Chelsea Hayes.

Hayes on “Right now, the potential compere: Washington and Miami, maybe Nebraska. It seems to be the biggest competition for us if we make it to the tournament.”

Stevenson on the who Cal Poly could face in the NCAA tournament:

“While I’m not saying we’re not thinking about the competition (at the tournament), we hope that we will have that problem in the first place.”

Frankly Speaking

First off, congratulations to Matt Johnsrud, the Mustangs for the NCAA Cross Country Championships by finishing 17th at the West Coast meet over the weekend. It’s truly an accomplishment to compete at a national championship.

Honestly, I think Matt and the entire cross-country team deserves props just for competing in their sport. I mean honestly, who runs a five mile race in San Francisco as a long way to go to just one race. Crazy, pure craziness.

Anyway, on time to get to business. A couple weeks back I said the football team had to rediscover themselves and figure out how to win with freshman quarterback Matt Brennan in the lineup.

I, for one, didn’t think they had a shot at winning out and making the playoffs. I didn’t see the game at UC Davis, but the stats were disappointing to say the least. Cal Poly had a paltry 113 yards of total offense that day.

Just to compare and contrast, James Noble, the Mustangs’ starting running back, averaged 117 rushing yards per game.

But here we are, two weeks later and the Mustangs are back on track for a playoff birth. A win on Saturday at Washington should give them an at-large birth to the playoffs. There’s no way the selection committee can snub Cal Poly this year.

For those unaware of Cal Poly’s royal-snubbing from a year ago, here’s how the end of the season played out.

The team was off to one of the best starts in school history. Seven wins without a loss, then tragedy struck in the form of a last minute loss to rival UC Davis at Mustang Stadium.

So seeing certain victory snatched in sudden demise, the Mustangs traveled to Eastern Washington and got their asses kicked, to put it bluntly. They lost 38-21 and watched their playoff hopes slip away.

Despite winning its remaining games by wide margins (31-0 over Northern Colorado and 58-13 at Sacramento State), Cal Poly was left out of the playoffs by the selection committee.

Seem familiar? Just like last year’s football team, the Mustangs back games, putting their playoff spot in limbo.

Should the Mustangs beat Idaho State on Saturday, anything less than a playoff birth would be criminal.

Even though the national polls are a joke (The No. 1 team lost to see Frankly, page 11

SPORTS

12 Wednesday, November 16, 2005

Muller named a district All-Academic

Kayla Mulder McCutcheon CourtesY photo

Kayla Mulder is an outside hitter for the Mustangs and is third on the team in kills per game. Mulder is a native of Ripon, Calif.

Senior Kayla Mulder was named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District First Team in District VIII, announced today. Mulder is one of five student-athletes from the Big West to be named to an All-District team, and will now be added to the Academic All-America ballot. District VIII is comprised of the states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington and British Columbia. Players selected represent the Big West, Pacific-10, West Coast, Western Athletic, Mountain West and the Big Sky Conferences.

College Sports Information Directors within the District VIII area voted on the team. Mulder, a kinesiology major at Cal Poly, is third on the team with a average 3.01 kills per game. Her all-around game includes 2.44 digs, 0.88 blocks and 17 service aces.

For those unaware of Cal Poly’s royal-snubbing from a year ago, here’s how the end of the season played out.

The team was off to one of the best starts in school history. Seven wins without a loss, then tragedy struck in the form of a last minute loss to rival UC Davis at Mustang Stadium.

So seeing certain victory snatched in sudden demise, the Mustangs traveled to Eastern Washington and got their asses kicked, to put it bluntly. They lost 38-21 and watched their playoff hopes slip away.

Despite winning its remaining games by wide margins (31-0 over Northern Colorado and 58-13 at Sacramento State), Cal Poly was left out of the playoffs by the selection committee.

Seem familiar? Just like last year’s football team, the Mustangs back games, putting their playoff spot in limbo.

Should the Mustangs beat Idaho State on Saturday, anything less than a playoff birth would be criminal.

Even though the national polls are a joke (The No. 1 team lost to see Frankly, page 11

Club sports beat: Fencing foils competition at tourney

Jeremy Teitelbaum  
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly’s fencing team not only hosted an intercollegiate tournament this weekend, but also dominated the team competition. Overall Cal Poly took first place honors in all three weapons, according to club president Cassie Batten.

Individuals for Cal Poly, Brian Davis took first place in the foil and Cash Fitzpatrick took first place in the sabre.

The fencing club hosted the Turkey Tourney Saturday in the Recreation Center. About 100 competitors representing at least six colleges participated in the event. The sport traces its roots to traditional dueling, according to the club’s website.

“It is both a mental and physical event,” says Batten, a Cal Poly senior who began studying fencing while living in the south of France. “It keeps you thinking and on your toes.”

The fencing club is currently one of the top club teams in California, she added.

“We were the overall winners of the California Intercollegiate Club Championship last season and (recently) competed at a league tournament in Santa Cruz where we took first in sabre. I personally have competed in the North American Sabre League since my sophomore year; I am a national level foilist. I have also attended a few events in the USA Sabre League.”

Dr. Steve Stainback of Cal Poly was a former national foil champion and was also the coaches for the Cal Poly fencing team.

Walter Goodwater attacks his opponent as teammate Brian Davis watches in the back.

The fencing club is currently one of the top club teams in California, she added.

Dr. Steve Stainback of Cal Poly was a former national foil champion and was also the coaches for the Cal Poly fencing team.

Walter Goodwater attacks his opponent as teammate Brian Davis watches in the back.